



EPA to Conduct Cleanup Action at the Avery Landing Superfund Site

The Avery Landing Superfund Site served as a railroad facility for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad from 1907 until 1977. The U.S. EPA, the State of Idaho, and others investigated the Site and found contamination in sub-surface soil, groundwater, sediment, and surface water. The contamination mostly comes from historical railroad maintenance and refueling operations at the Site.

EPA prepared a cleanup plan for the Site and released it for public review and comment in January 2011. We considered all comments and, in mid-2011, selected a cleanup action for the Avery Landing Site.

We expect the cleanup action to start in late May 2012, and to be completed by late Fall 2012. EPA will work with Potlatch and other property owners to clean up the Site.

As part of the cleanup, an estimated 58,000 cubic yards of contaminated material will be excavated and transported off-site for disposal. The Site will then be backfilled with clean material. The goal is to restore the Site, as closely as possible, to its original condition.

A portion of the cleanup action includes removing and rebuilding Highway 50. A temporary bypass will be constructed to allow traffic to move through the Site. However, there still may be some delays because of cleanup activities.

If you want more information about the Avery Landing cleanup effort, please contact Earl Liverman with the EPA at 208-664-4858 or Terry Cundy with Potlatch at 208-799-4135.

Additional information is also available at the Avery Community Center/Library, 10 Depot Road, Avery, Idaho; or at the US EPA Coeur d'Alene office, 1910 Northwest Boulevard, Suite 208, Coeur d'Alene, ID.

TTY users may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 and give the operator Earl Liverman's phone number.